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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY RICE TO FM VERHAGEN ON  
CABINET RECOMMENDATION OF ISAF EXTENSION, S/ES: 200720100

1. Please deliver the following message from Secretary  
Rice to Foreign Minister Verhagen as soon as possible.  
There will be no signed original.

2. Begin Text:

Dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your November 30 letter informing me of the  
Dutch government's decision to renew the Netherlands'  
contribution to ISAF in Afghanistan. I know that your  
personal efforts and commitment helped bring about this  
positive outcome. The Netherlands' long-term commitment,  
especially the continued presence of the extremely capable  
Dutch contingent in Uruzgan, is critical to the common  
effort we share with our other NATO Allies and EU partners  
to strengthen further security and development in  
Afghanistan.

I look forward to joining you at the NATO meeting in  
Brussels later this week.

Sincerely,  
Condoleezza Rice

End Text.  
RICE